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## Public Act No. 14-229

# AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPUNGEMENT OF A PUPIL'S CUMULATIVE EDUCATION RECORD FOR CERTAIN EXPULSIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 10-233d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2014):

- (c) (1) In determining the length of an expulsion and the nature of the alternative educational opportunity to be offered under subsection (d) of this section, the local or regional board of education, or the impartial hearing board established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, may receive and consider evidence of past disciplinary problems [which] that have led to removal from a classroom, suspension or expulsion of such pupil.
- (2) For any pupil expelled for the first time pursuant to this section and who has never been suspended pursuant to section 10-233c, except for a pupil who has been expelled based on possession of a firearm or deadly weapon as described in subsection (a) of this section, the local or regional board of education may shorten the length of or waive the expulsion period if the pupil successfully completes a board-specified

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program and meets any other conditions required by the board. Such board-specified program shall not require the pupil or the parent or guardian of the pupil to pay for participation in the program.

Sec. 2. Subsection (f) of section 10-233d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2014):

(f) [(1)] Whenever a pupil is expelled pursuant to the provisions of this section, notice of the expulsion and the conduct for which the pupil was expelled shall be included on the pupil's cumulative educational record. Such notice, except for notice of an expulsion of a pupil in grades nine to twelve, inclusive, based on possession of a firearm or deadly weapon as described in subsection (a) of this section, (1) shall be expunged from the cumulative educational record by the local or regional board of education if a pupil graduates from high school, [except as provided for in subdivision (2) of this subsection] or (2) may be expunged from the cumulative educational record by the local or regional board of education before a pupil graduates from high school if (A) in the case of a pupil for which the length of the expulsion period is shortened or the expulsion period is waived pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section, such board determines that an expungement is warranted at the time such pupil completes the board-specified program and meets any other conditions required by such board pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section, or (B) such pupil has demonstrated to such board that the conduct and behavior of such pupil in the years following such expulsion warrants an expungement. A local or regional board of education, in determining whether to expunge such notice under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, may receive and consider evidence of any subsequent disciplinary problems that have led to removal from a classroom, suspension or expulsion of such pupil.

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[(2) In the case of a pupil for which the length of the expulsion period is shortened or the expulsion period is waived pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section, such notice shall be expunged from the cumulative educational record by the local or regional board of education (A) if the pupil graduates from high school, or (B) if the board so chooses, at the time the pupil completes the board-specified program and meets any other conditions required by the board pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section, whichever is earlier.]

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